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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1615

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Applicant(s): Kokubo et al.  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 3, 2005, please amend the Claims as follows and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.